

### **REMARKS**

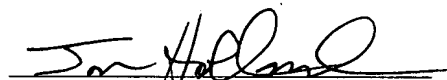
Upon entry of this paper, claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, and 20-22 remain pending in this application. Claims 3, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 16, and 19 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. It is believed that the foregoing amendments add no new matter to the present application.

Favorable action with regard to the instant application is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding Applicants' response, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted ,

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